

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 12-19 are pending in the present application. Claims 12, 14, 16 and 18 have been amended. Claims 13 and 15 have been cancelled. Review and reconsideration on the merits are respectfully requested in view of the following comments.

Claims 15-17 and 19 were objected to but not rejected in the Office action. Applicants assume that these claims were objected to as being dependent on rejected base claims but otherwise allowable if rewritten in independent form. Therefore, claim 12 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 15 to indicate that the co-biocide is present in the composition. The remaining claims have been amended accordingly to correspond to the changes to claim 12. Furthermore, claim 18 has been amended to recite ranges for A and B that are set forth on page 4 of the application. Claims 13 and 15 have been cancelled without prejudice in order to expedite prosecution of this case. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the cancelled claims in a continuation application.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and favorable action on the merits is requested. In the event that the Examiner wishes to discuss any aspect of this response, please contact William J. Davis at (973) 628-3529 or the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below. We hereby authorize the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) to treat any paper that is filed in this application which requires an extension of time as incorporating a request for such an extension. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0809.

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